

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 5, 7-9 and 19-20 are amended and claims 22-30 are added. Accordingly, claims 4-9 and 19-30 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 19 and 20 are amended to overcome the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 4-9 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Deutscher Drucker in view of Schneider (EP 0 210 634). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Deutscher Drucker nor Schneider, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a method of producing a newspaper that includes depositing a section on a second collecting station such that it comes to rest on an already deposited section, and repeating the steps until all the sections of the newspaper have been completed and positioned one upon the other to form a section stack, wherein the section stack is folded in a center to form a newspaper consisting of at least one folded section, as recited in independent claims 19 and 20.

Deutscher Drucker teaches production of customized orders based on information stored in a computer where the various products a customer orders are produced sequentially. For instance, if an order calls for individually printed and folded sheets, then the production line A is utilized, if a customer's order calls for folded and printed sheets, then production line B is utilized. Finally, if a customer order calls for a stitched brochure, then production line C is utilized. However, all the products resulting from production lines A, B and C, end up in stack D (Fig. 1). In other words, the stack in section D does not consist of identical products. Moreover, Deutscher Drucker is silent as to whether the products are folded at the center.

Schneider has a U.S. counterpart, U.S. Patent No. 4,754,959. Schneider teaches providing selectively different outputs from a cutting and folding apparatus and providing respectively first and second types of printed substrates (Abstract). Moreover, the purpose of Schneider and the purpose of Deutscher Drucker are different, and as such, the teachings of these two references are not properly combinable.

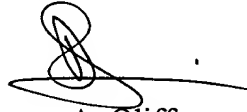
Accordingly, because Deutscher Drucker teaches stacking different products in stack D, and because Schneider fails to cure deficiencies in Drucker in disclosing or rendering obvious this feature, a combination of Deutscher Drucker and Schneider does not arrive at the subject matter of claims 19 and 20 because these two references do not disclose depositing a section on a collecting station such that it comes to rest on an already deposited section. An already deposited section is a section that has been deposited using the same steps, and is identical to the section that will be deposited next.

Because it would not have been obvious to combine Deutscher Drucker and Schneider to arrive at the subject matter of claims 19 and 20, claims 19 and 20 are patentable over a combination of these references. At least for the same reasons, new claims 22-30 are also patentable over a combination of Deutscher Drucker and Schneider. Claims 4-9 variously depend from claim 22, and thus are patentable over the asserted combination at least in view of their dependence from claims 22, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 4-9 and 19-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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